

I feel that the best way to preserve it is to offer a carrot of some sort to those who are proficient. I propose that we retain Extra class as a CW license class with privileges in some bands (especially HF bands). I think that we should allow hams who have no CW skills access to the HF spectrum, but retain a portion of that spectrum for CW tested hams.

I am not a Morse Code fanatic, but I do see A1 as a special form of communication that should be preserved. The reason is A1 is the most fundamental way of putting information on an electromagnetic signal. Even A3 is more technically advanced. Morse Code allows us to communicate by turning a transmitter (or about anything else) simply on and off. Most electrical gear has on-off capabilities. But if Morse Code becomes too rare, the opportunities to communicate under minimal conditions diminish.